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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Korean Patent Application No. 2000-6368, published January 25, 2000. (This application is a counterpart of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0020492 A1.)
2. U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0020492 A1, published February 21, 2002 to Yokogawa et al.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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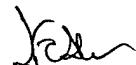
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Korean Office Action dated January 28, 2003 together with a Japanese translation of the Korean Office Action. In addition, Applicant enclosed herewith an English translation of the pertinent portions of the Japanese translation which cite such documents and indicate the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

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